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Title: PEPTIDES FOR THE TREATMENT AND DIAGNOSIS OF SYSTEMIC LUPUS ERYTHEMATOSUS

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Dear Sir:

Enclosed please find the following documents for filing with the above-identified patent application in the names of Bruce D. Gaynor, Betty A. Diamond, Matthew D. Scharff and Phillippe Valadon, entitled PEPTIDES FOR THE TREATMENT AND DIAGNOSIS OF SYSTEMIC LUPUS ERYTHEMATOSUS, comprising the following:

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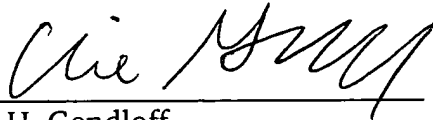
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